

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1, after the title "FAST LIFETIME ANALYSIS OF OBJECTS IN A GARBAGE COLLECTED SYSTEM" please insert the following:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/116,236, entitled "Fast Lifetime Analysis Of Objects In A Garbage Collected System" by Mario Wolczko and Antonio Cunei, filed on April 3, 2002--.